Your Problems

By Ann Landers

Dear Ann: My wife and I have been happily married for 12 years. We have four fine children, own our own home and everything in it. The trouble is my wife is too big-hearted. She is always giving things away.

Around Christmas she heard of a family with seven kids who didn't have any heat in the house because the furnace had fallen apart. She took the money she'd been saving all year for an automatic washing machine, and bought these total strangers an oil burner.

She bought shoes for two kids who live near our place of business—just picked them off the street, you might say, and bought them each a pair of oxfords, along with our own kids. I told her this was nutty but she just laughed and said it was "more fun than a picnic."

We are NOT rich people, Ann. Do you think perhaps her generosity is caused by a hunger to be loved? Maybe she's a little "sick sick sick" (as you say).—DICK

Don't Drag Freud In

Dear Dick: Now don't go dragging Freud into it and spoil everything. We ALL want to be loved. The human is a complicated animal motivated by countless drives.

Quit trying to psychoanalyze your wife. She sounds like a wonderful woman who knows how to get fun out of life. And she's the one who will have to use the old washing machine, so what are you complaining about?

Dear Ann: We are three 15-year-old girls writing about SIX people who need educating—Our Parents.

They want to keep us babies all our lives. We three live in the same block and we like to walk uptown after dinner to see what's cookin'. Usually we are home by 9.30. Sometimes we stop in the drug store but mostly we just look in store windows and talk to the kids we bump into. We've met some swell guys and gals this way.

Just because one of the fellows got into a little misunderstanding with the police, our folks say we can't take evening walks anymore. Please remember we are nice girls and have never been in any trouble. We think our parents are unfair and we are depending on you to set them straight.—COOPED UP TRIO

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Dear Cooped: Glad to hear you're "nice girls" and that you've never been in any trouble. I suggest you listen to your parents and knock off the evening strolls while you can still make these statements.

Fifteen year old girls belong at home after dinner. The social contacts you'll make "looking in store windows" and hanging around drugstores can't be much good. If you three value your reputations, stay off the streets and don't cultivate sidewalk friendships.

Hopelessly in Love

Dear Ann: What do you do when you're in love with a man you can't possibly have? I'm 23, not bad to look at, and can get plenty of dates. Fellows my own age bore me silly.

It's always my rotten luck to fall for a man who is married. Right now I'm head over heels in love with my boss, and I don't stand a chance. He's married and has made it perfectly plain he intends to stay that way.

I've been in this same spot at least five times since I got out of high school. Why is it I keep running into these walls and blind alleys? Do I need a wig-picker or just a swift kick in the bustle? Please help me.—MARDI

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Dear Mardi: People who repeatedly get themselves into situations they know will be painful and punishing MAY need a wig-picker.

If, however, married men attract you because they offer more of a challenge—and are safe bets not to press matrimony—I advise you to grow up. The toy which is just out of reach is always the one the baby finds most attractive. After he gets it, it means nothing.

Are you tempted to smoke because the crowd does? If so, send for Ann Landers' new booklet, "Teenage Smoking," enclosing with your request 10 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope).

Mrs. Harris Will Lead CWL Council

Mrs. William Harris has been installed as president of the newly-formed St. Elizabeth's Parish Council, CWL.

Guests from all parts of lower Vancouver Island were present at the ceremony, conducted by Rev. Father Alexander McLellan, diocesan director of the CWL. After blessing and presenting the charter to the new council, Father McLellan commended the ladies on their decision to join the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Inscribed gavel was presented by Rev. Father Philip Kanley, council director, and pastor of the Catholic churches of Sidney and West Saanich.

Other officers installed at the ceremony were: Mrs. Louis Bidinost, secretary; Mrs. John Elliott, treasurer; Mrs. F. G. Richards, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Alan Pettigrew, first vice-president; Mrs. J. W. Gibbs, second vice-president; Mrs. L. H. Lunn, third vice-president; and counsellors Mrs. Neil MacLeod, Mrs. Arthur Casson, Mrs. Neville Shanks, and Mrs. Conrad Welle.

Pas a Pas

The Pas a Pas group of First United Church will hold a St. Patrick's Day tea in the social suite of the Fellowship Hall, Balmoral Road, Saturday, March 14 from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. There will be home cooking and novelty stalls.

Mothers' Day Tea Planners

Victoria Chapter, Order of DeMolay Mothers' Circle will hold a Mothers' Day tea in the Douglas Room of the Hudson's Bay Company on Friday, March 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be stalls of home-cooking and aprons as well as a door prize. Mrs. A. MacBride, centre, is convener of the affair and is pictured marking arrangements with Mrs. F. Marlow, left, who will be in charge of aprons, and Mrs. H. Thornber, home-cooking stall convener.—(Colonist photo.)

53,000 Knots Tied In Beautiful Rug

A display of a beautiful rug, made by Mr. J. Goyak, a Hungarian now living in Victoria, was a feature of the recent meeting of the Victoria Handweavers' Guild held at the Art Gallery.

The rug, about two feet by five, had a Persian pattern but was woven in Afghan style. It contained about 53,000 hand-tied knots and represented 240 hours of work. Mrs. Goyak also is interested in weaving.

Slides of the last two exhibitions were shown and members were urged to prepare articles for the coming exhibition in June.

English Girls Spruce Up

Dowdy Dates Out

LONDON (WNS) — The British working-girl has shed her limp prints and lumpy tweeds. Today she is as fashion-conscious as her American sister.

The evidence: Tousled hair and brief skirts in espresso bars; eye-catching displays in shop windows; two-page fashion spreads in the big newspapers like the "Daily Express."

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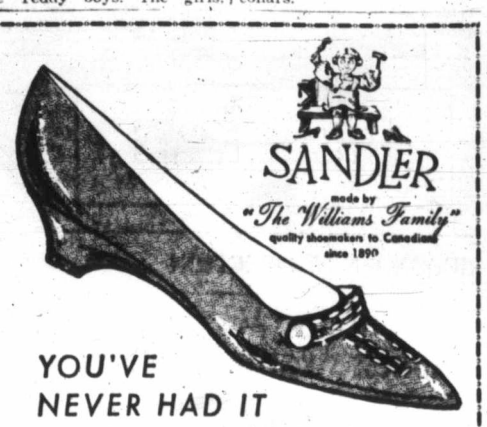

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